

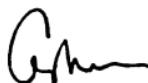
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

You may be interested in the attached clippings
describing Senator Dirksen's current contribu-
tion to the Illinois campaign.



Arthur Schlesinger, jr.

DIRKSEN LAYS MESS IN CUBA TO PRESIDENT

Schlesinger
Begins Late Start on
Campaign.

BY ROBERT HOWARD,
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)
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Asks About Prestige

"We have achieved nothing at
Geneva except continued retreat
from one position to another on
the issue of a nuclear test ban,"
he said. There was a brief refer-
ence to southeastern Asia as
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Cuba Building More Rocket Bases: Dirksen

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SUN-TIMES BUREAU

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tion.

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On the general situation that
has prolonged the congressional
session, Dirksen said only that
there is "such a state of confu-
sion on the New Frontier that
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